

A short but true  
**A C C O U N T**  
 Of the Death of  
**The Grand Visier,**  
 Strangled at *BELGRADE*,  
 By the Command of the  
**Grand SEIGNIOR:**  
 WITH  
 Some Reasons that induc'd him thereunto.

*In a Letter to a Friend,*

**T**HE ill Success of the Siege of *Vienna*, followed by other Circumstances of the like Nature in the Field Battels, He begot such an *Odium* in the Popularity towards *Hamet Selimus*, the Grand Visier; that notwithstanding his long and seeming stedfast security he thought to have possess'd in his Masters Favour, yet at length deceived him, and he became a Victim, as several of his Predecessors had done, to the Vulgar Fury; which oft-times has displac'd even the Grand Seigniors themselves; especially when the Mutiny has begun among the *Jantzaries*, which makes the Surprize the less, that so great an Officer should be so quietly Cut off, as the present *Hamet Selimus* was; and the more, if we consider, that his Predecessor, the famous *Hali Achmet*, notwithstanding his great Success in the taking of *Candia*, found the like measures after all those signal Services he had done to the *Ottoman Empire*. Had he had regard to Omens, or been superstitiously inclin'd, he might partly have ghes'd at his misfortunes by the previous Signals that attended him at his going forth from *Constantinople*: there was no Shouts, no Acclamations, no wishes of Success, but on the contrary, notwithstanding his continued smiles and bowings to the People, a disregardless aspect, and a cloudy look was all the returns he received from the discontented Multitude, on whom the Impression was still fresh of his Severity and Covetousness, which extended not only to his own Countrymen, but to the *Franks*, by which name they call all the *Europeans* out of their own Dominions; witness the hard case of *Mr. Pentloe*, who by inadvertency marrying of a *Greek Woman*, about the year 79, had an Avenue serv'd upon him by this Visier, and all his Estate seiz'd upon to the use of the Grand Seignior. But what is urg'd as to the rigour of the Visier, is this, that two eminent Merchants, who were in the quality of Administrators, or Overseers to his Estate, were near undone, he imprisoning them, and charging 20000 pound more upon the Estate then ever it amounted to. In the time of his Cavalcade, the Bird, called the *Mahometan Bird*, being about the bigness of a Raven, crook'd for several Hours from the Top of *Santa Sophia*, the great Mosk of the *Turks*; several howlings, like those of Dogs, were heard from the opposite shoar of *Scutari*, a place, in the Plague time, they send most of their Dogs to; not being cautious only of killing them, but sending them even thither Relief, notwithstanding the wideness of the Channel between that and *Galata*. His Turbant fell off of his Head, his Horse stumbling just at the same time as he pass'd through the *Portico Novo*, as you go by the old *Hyppodrome*. Several of the Crescents, fix'd upon the Tops of the Capolas of the Mosques, turn'd into Circles, and the Figure of a Spread-Eagle was seen to fly over the City. But to the purpose; As to his Birth, it is partly